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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 88 percent complete which is behind last year and behind the 5-year average of 94 percent complete. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to good. Harvesting remains active in a few areas across the State. Sheep have been brought in to graze and lamb on some alfalfa fields. Barley seeding is approaching the 50 percent complete mark and durum seeding is just over one-fourth complete.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Seasonal temperatures and sporadic precipitation have helped green up some low and mid elevation pastures. Cool season forages have benefitted from the moisture.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, kale, parsley and lemons this week.

Western Arizona growers shipped arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, and various lettuces including Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and Romaine. Also shipped this week were parsley, radicchio and spinach.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	11	40	34	14
Range and Pasture	25	26	31	16	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	88	85	95	94

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal for the week ending December 25th, ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Tucson to 3 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 71 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 2 degrees at St. Johns. Precipitation was recorded in fourteen of the

22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Aguila, Canyon De Chelly and Roll with 0.01 inches and the most precipitation was recorded in Prescott with 0.40 inches. For 2011, Roll and Tucson are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 19, 2011 - December 25, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	45	-3	64	29	0.01	5.58	-3.44	62
Buckeye	49	-3	66	30	0.00	4.60	-2.88	61
Canyon De Chelly	28	-2	41	7	0.01	6.65	-2.86	70
Coolidge	47	-3	64	26	0.00	4.61	-2.56	64
Douglas	42	-3	60	22	0.06	6.98	-6.26	53
Flagstaff	27	-3	41	7	0.14	21.25	-1.13	95
Grand Canyon	27	1	43	9	0.00	13.28	-6.56	67
Kingman	39	-4	53	25	0.00	9.40	-0.21	98
Marana	47	-4	62	31	0.11	5.92	-4.23	58
Maricopa	48	-2	64	28	0.00	3.51	-3.18	52
Paloma	47	-5	64	28	0.00	4.84	-0.89	84
Parker	46	-5	66	24	0.00	2.88	-0.55	84
Payson	37	-2	55	21	0.13	16.85	-4.81	78
Phoenix	52	-2	63	38	0.04	4.66	-2.82	62
Prescott	35	-1	51	20	0.40	10.25	-9.08	53
Roll	49	-2	71	27	0.01	4.77	1.68	154
Safford	42	-2	59	22	0.18	5.39	-4.11	57
St. Johns	30	-4	48	2	0.14	7.89	-3.37	70
Tucson	46	-6	59	30	0.17	12.98	1.17	110
Willcox	40	-4	59	21	0.21	11.34	-1.34	89
Winslow	33	3	52	14	0.08	6.83	-1.09	86
Yuma	54	-3	67	40	0.00	2.96	-0.13	96
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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